

## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if multiple names are listed below) of the subject matter claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **ELECTRONIC BILL PROCESSING**, the specification of which

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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**Prior Foreign Application(s):**

**Priority Claimed**

**Number Country Day/Month/Year filed**

**Yes No**

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

**Prior U. S. Application(s):**

**Serial No. Filing Date**

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I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s): Alfred A. Stadnicki, Reg. No. 30,226; Thomas E. Anderson, Reg. No. 37,063; Richard J. Stokey, Reg. No. 40,383, all of

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with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, and all future correspondence should be addressed to Alfred A. Stadnicki @ Jenkins & Gilchrist, 1919 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 600, Washington, D.C. 20006-3404.

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Full name of sole or first joint inventor: Bill Kitchen

Inventor's signature: Bill Kitchen

Date: 8/3/98

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Shelly K. Hamaker  
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF OHIO  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JANUARY 2, 2000

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Full name of sole or second joint inventor: Ginger B. Moses

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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of  
William Kitchen et. al.

Serial No. 09/034,561

Filed: March 3, 1998:

For: ELECTRONIC BILL PROCESSING

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DECLARATION OF SHARON HAND UNDER 37 CFR 47(a)

Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
of Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

I, Sharon Hand, hereby state that:

1. I am Executive Assistant to Mr. Ravi Ganesan, Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer of CheckFree Corporation. (hereinafter "CHECKFREE").

2. According to CHECKFREE'S business records, Clarence M. Bringardner terminated his employment with CHECKFREE on February 6, 1998 and his last known address is 2995 Dresden Street, Columbus, Ohio 43224, and Kenneth W. Bradley terminated his employment with CHECKFREE on October 17, 1997 and his last known address is 8202

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Olde Richmond Lane, Westerville, Ohio 43081.

3. On June 23, 1998, I instructed CHECKFREE's mail room to deposit, with UPS, a copy of the above referenced application, the associated Declaration and Power-of-Attorney, and an associated Assignment addressed to Mr. Bringardner at 2995 Dresden Street, Columbus, Ohio 43224, under a cover letter of the same date, executed by Mr. Ganesan, requesting that Mr. Bradley execute the forwarded Declaration and Power-of-Attorney and Assignment, and return the executed documents to our attorney, Mr. Alfred A. Stadnicki at his former address (hereinafter referred to as the "Forwarded Materials to Bringardner"). A copy of the June 23, 1998 cover letter to Mr. Bringardner, along with the UPS receipt indicating that the Forwarded Materials to Bringardner were undeliverable, is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

4. On August 26, 1998, I instructed the CHECKFREE's mail room to deposit, with the U.S. Postal Service as certified mail return receipt requested, another copy of the above referenced application, the associated Declaration and Power-of-Attorney, and the associated Assignment addressed to Mr. Bringardner at 2995 Dresden Street, Columbus, Ohio 43224, under a cover letter of the same date which noted that Mr. Stadnicki had not received the



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executed documents and again requesting that Mr. Bringardner execute the forwarded Declaration and Power-of-Attorney and Assignment, and return the executed documents to our attorney, Mr. Alfred A. Stadnicki at his current address (hereinafter referred to as the "Second Forwarded Materials to Bringardner"). A copy of the August 26, 1998 cover letter to Mr. Bringardner and the Receipt of Certified Mail for the Second Forwarded Materials to Bringardner is attached hereto as Exhibit B. No certification of delivery/non-delivery (U.S. Postal Service Form 3811) has, to date, been returned by the U.S. Postal Service. Therefore, on November 18, 1998, I requested that the U.S. Postal Service place a trace on the certification (i.e. Form 3811) for this mailing, as evidenced by the U.S. Postal Service date stamp of November 18, 1998 which appears on the back of the Receipt of Certified Mail. I was advised by the U.S. Postal Service that the trace could take 10 days to two weeks.

5. On June 23, 1998, I also instructed CHECKFREE's mail room to deposit, with UPS, a copy of the above referenced application, the associated Declaration and Power-of-Attorney, and an associated Assignment addressed to Mr. Bradley at 8202 Olde Richmond Lane, Westerville, Ohio 43081, under a cover letter of the same date,

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6. On August 26, 1998, I further instructed CHECKFREE's mail room to deposit, with the U.S. Postal Service as certified mail return receipt requested, another copy of the above referenced application, the associated Declaration and Power-of-Attorney, and the associated Assignment addressed to Mr. Bradley at 8202 Olde Richmond Lane, Westerville, Ohio 43081, under a cover letter of the same date which noted that Mr. Stadnicki had not received the executed documents and again requesting that Mr. Bradley execute the forwarded Declaration and Power-of-Attorney and Assignment, and return the executed documents to our attorney, Mr. Alfred A. Stadnicki at his current address (hereinafter referred to as the "Second Forwarded Materials to Bradley"). A copy of the August 26, 1998 cover letter to Mr. Bradley and the certification of receipt

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(i.e. Form 3811) of the Second Forwarded Materials to Bradley is attached hereto as Exhibit D.

7. In the respective cover letters included in the Second Forwarded Materials to Messrs. Bradley and Bringardner, I requested that Mr. Bradley and Mr. Bringardner contact me if there were any questions regarding execution of the Declaration and Power-of-Attorney and Assignment documents.

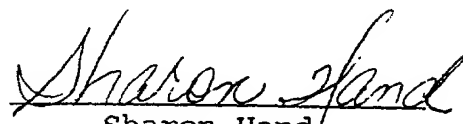
8. As of this date, (i) only the Forwarded Materials (not the Second Forwarded Materials) to Mr Bringardner have been returned to me as undeliverable, (ii) neither Mr. Bradley nor Mr. Bringardner has contacted me in any way with respect to the Furnished Materials and Second Furnished Materials or for any other reason, and (iii) the executed Declaration and Power-of-Attorney documents included as part of the Furnished Materials to Bradley, the Furnished Materials to Bringardner, the Second Furnished Materials to Bradley and the Second Furnished Materials to Bringardner have not been returned to me.

9. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the

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Respectfully Submitted

  
Sharon Hand

CheckFree Corporation  
4411 East Jones Bridge Road  
Norcross, Georgia 30092  
Date: November 20, 1998

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: Examiner:  
: Unassigned

DECLARATION OF SHEILA FOXX UNDER 37 CFR 47(a)

Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
of Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

I, Sheila Foxx, hereby state that:

1. I serve as the docketing supervisor for the firm of Lalos and Keegan. (hereinafter the "FIRM").

2. According to the FIRM's standard procedures, all correspondence received by the FIRM, including that addressed to Mr. Stadnicki, is delivered to the receptionist and promptly forwarded to me for docketing.

3. As of this date, no Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by either Mr. Bradley or Mr. Bringardner in connection with the above referenced application has been received by the FIRM

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with the above referenced application has been received by the FIRM either directly, indirectly through Mr. Stadnicki's prior firm (Jenkins & Gilchrist), or otherwise.

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Respectfully Submitted

  
Sheila Foxx

LALOS & KEEGAN  
1146 Nineteenth Street, N.W.  
Fifth Floor  
Washington, D.C. 20006-3703  
Date: November 20, 1998

June 23, 1998

Exhibit A

Mr. Clarence M. Bringardner  
2995 Dresden Street  
Columbus, OH 43224

RE: U.S. Patent Applications

Dear Mr. Bringardner:

I have enclosed copies of papers containing the specification, claims, abstract, and drawings as filed for the following:

**ELECTRONIC BILL PROCESSING**

Attached to the papers are a Declaration and Power of Attorney and (2) Assignment documents to be executed by you as indicated. The Declarations and Power of Attorneys must be signed and dated in front of a Notary. Return the fully executed documents to Jenkins & Gilchrist no later than July 3, 1998. Please do not mail them to me.

Jenkins & Gilchrist  
Attn: Alfred A. Stadnicki, Esq.  
1919 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Suite 600  
Washington, DC 20006-3404

Should your name or address be incorrect, please draw a line through the incorrect information and print the correct information above it.

Thank you,

*Ravi Ganesan*  
Ravi Ganesan  
Chief Technical Officer  
Executive Vice President

Enclosures

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Norcross, GA 30092  
Main Office Number: 770 441-2287  
Direct Number: 770 841-1246  
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REFERENCE NUMBER

**patent information**  
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COMPANY

CHECKFREE CORP  
STREET ADDRESS  
**4411 E JONE BRIDGE RD**  
CITY AND STATE **NORCROSS GA** ZIP CODE **30092**

EXTREMELY URGENT DELIVERY TO  
NAME **CLARENCE BRINGARDNER** TELEPHONE **614-297-5247**  
COMPANY

STREET ADDRESS **2995 DRESDEN STREET** DEPT./FLOOR  
CITY AND STATE (INCLUDE COUNTRY IF INTERNATIONAL) **Columbus, OH** ZIP CODE **43224**

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DIMENSIONAL WEIGHT  
ZONE

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TYPE OF SERVICE  
☒ NEXT DAY AIR  
☐ WORLDWIDE EXPRESS INTERNATIONAL

OPTIONAL SERVICES  
☐ SATURDAY PICKUP  
☐ SATURDAY DELIVERY  
☐ DECLARED VALUE  
☐ C.O.D.  
☐ Ins. Additional Handling Charge applies for certain items. See instructions.

ADDITIONAL CHARGES  
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METHOD OF PAYMENT  
☒ Bill Me  
☐ Bill Receiver  
☐ Bill Third Party  
☐ Cash  
☐ American Express  
☐ Discover  
☐ MasterCard  
☐ Visa  
☐ UPS Store

RECEIVERS THIRD PARTY'S UPS ACCOUNT OR UNEMPLOYED CARD NO. EXPIRATION DATE

THIRD PARTY'S COMPANY NAME  
STREET ADDRESS  
CITY AND STATE  
ZIP CODE

SHIPPER'S SIGNATURE *Ravi Ganesan* DATE OF SHIPMENT **6/23/98**

Exhibit D

August 28, 1998

Via Certified Mail  
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US Postal Service  
Receipt for Certified Mail  
No Insurance Coverage Provided.  
Do not use for International Mail (See reverse)

Kenneth Bradley	
8202 Olde Richmond Ln	
Westerville, OH 43081	
Postage	\$ .78
Certified Fee	1.35
Special Delivery Fee	
Restricted Delivery Fee	
Return Receipt Showing to Whom & Date Delivered	1.10
Return Receipt Showing to Whom, Date, & Addressee's Address	
TOTAL Postage & Fees	\$ 3.23
Postmark or Date	

Mr. Kenneth Bradley, III  
8202 Olde Richmond Lane  
Westerville, OH 43081

Dear Mr. Bradley:

On June 23, 1998, Mr. Ravi Ganesan sent you patent documents that needed your signature. Our Patent Attorney has informed us he has not received your signed, notarized papers as yet. I have enclosed another Declaration and Power of Attorney and (2) Assignment documents for your signature. Please make sure they are notarized where necessary and return them to the following address by September 8, 1998:

Mr. Al Stadnick  
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Should your name or address be incorrect, please draw a line through the incorrect information and print the correct information above it.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 770-734-3587. Thank you for your cooperation.

Regards,

Sharon Hand  
Sharon Hand  
Executive Assistant

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The Money Factory Group

Is your RETURN ADDRESS completed on the reverse side?

**SENDER:**

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- Complete items 3, 4a, and 4b.
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I also wish to receive the following services (for an extra fee):

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  - ☐ Restricted Delivery
- Consult postmaster for fee.

3. Article Addressed to:  
MR. KENNETH BRADLEY  
8202 OLDE RICHMOND LANE  
WESTERVILLE, OH 43081

4a. Article Number  
P 283 696 945  
4b. Service Type  
☐ Registered ☒ Certified  
☐ Express Mail ☐ Insured  
☐ Return Receipt for Merchandise ☐ COD

7. Date of Delivery  
8-29-98  
8. Addressee's Address (Only if requested and fee is paid)

5. Received By: (Print Name)  
6. Signature: (Addressee or Agent)  
X [Signature]

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